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Department of Health and Environmental Control
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Re: Proposed Reclassification of Reedy Cove Creek in Pickens County to ORW

Dear Ms. Kirkland:

The SCDNR manages the state-owned James Timmerman Natural Resource Area at Jocassee Gorges which contains most of Reedy Cove Creek. We strongly endorse the upgrade the designation of the creek to Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW).

The upper reaches of Reedy Cove Creek support a reproducing trout population. The area below Camp McCall is part of a stream restoration effort to return trout to the creek by reducing the thermal influence of the Camp's reservoir.

We are sensitive to any concerns that any private landowners along the creek may have about this proposed action. If they do not object, we would certainly like to see the upgrade in place. We believe the ORW classification accurately reflects the quality of the stream and its recreational potential.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas Swaynham".

Thomas Swaynham
Regional Wildlife Coordinator.